Statement

State-wise additional storage capacity to be constructed by Food Corporation of India during 1985-86

Sl. No.	State/Union Territories	Storage capacity to be constructed by Food Corporation of India during 1985-86. (In lakh tonnes)
1	2	3
1	Andhra Pradesh	1·46
2	Assam	0·05
3	Bihar	0·25
4	Gujarat	1·16
5	Haryana	0·98
6	Jammu & Kashmir	0·02
7	Karnataka	0·30
8	Kerala	0·12
9	Madhya Pradesh	0·53
10	Maharashtra	0·50
11	Manipur	0·02
12	Orissa	0·15
13	Punjab	2·00
14	Rajasthan	0·80
15	Tamil Nadu	0·47
16	Uttar Pradesh	1·41
17	West Bengal	0·32
18	Arunachal Pradesh	0·05
19	Delhi	0·41
	TOTAL :	11·00

Purchase of foodgrains by the Kerala Civil Supplies Corporation

2591. SHRI O. J. JOSEPH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPP LIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kerala State Civil Supplies Corporation was not permitted by the Central Government *to, go* in for direct purchase of foodgrains from surplus States; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) No request has come from the Government of Kerala for the purchase of foodgrains on Stale Government account from the surplus States during the present season. Permission for inter-State purchase of rice is given, as a special case, after reviewing the supply and demand conditions of the surplus States.

Threats to the Food Corporation of India officials by sellers in Punjab and Haryana

2592. SHRI O. J. IOSEPH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPP LIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Food Corporation of India officials deputed in the last season for procurement of foodgrains in Punjab and Haryana were threatened by the sellers for accepting the substandard foodgrains and to certify the inferior quality of foodgrains as superior; and

(b) whether any protection was given to the officials concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir. Such threats were received in case of Punjab only.

(b) The Government of Punjab who were approached in the matter had assured full protection to the Food Corporation of India staff.